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In re the Application of: **Hirotoshi KUBO et al.**
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendments

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.